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## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

DIVISION OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION 203 Governor Street, Suite 206 Richmond, Virginia 23219-2010 (804) 786-2064 January 21, 2011

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Jack E. Frye

SUBJECT: Proposed WQIF Project Grant Awards for 2011

The grant award recommendations are being made available for the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF) nonpoint source water quality improvement projects. In response to the Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR) 2010 Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund Request for Proposals distributed on August 31, 2010, DCR received 66 grant applications by the November 1, 2010 submission deadline.

The projects selected to receive a grant award for 2011 and the recommended funding amounts are shown in the attached list. These 23 projects will result in estimated annual nonpoint source pollution reductions of 137,941 pounds of nitrogen, 46,288 pounds of phosphorus, 1,619 tons of sediment, and 4.72E+12 fecal colony forming units from Virginia's waterways.

The Water Quality Improvement Act requires that an announcement of projects intended for funding be made available for public review and comment for at least 30 days prior to executing grant agreements. The enclosed notice of intent to award grants lists the projects selected for grant awards. This list, as well as descriptions for each project, was posted today, January 21, 2011 to the DCR web site: <a href="http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil\_&\_water/wqia.shtml">http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil\_&\_water/wqia.shtml</a>

Following the 30-day comment period final negotiations regarding the grant agreements and work plans will be completed. In the interim, if you have any questions please feel free to contact our Grants Management Team by email at <a href="mailto:swcgrants@dcr.virginia.gov">swcgrants@dcr.virginia.gov</a>.